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So long till September!

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"Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to min'?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And days o' auld lang syne?"

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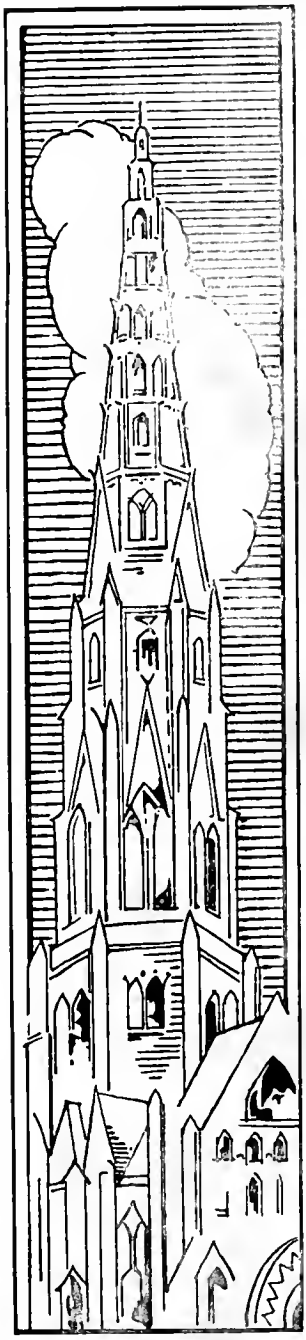
Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-Seven



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DEDICATION

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This Book is Dedicated to the eleven BENEDICTINES, who, "leaving all things," came fifty-two years ago to Gaston County in North Carolina, and erected this Abbey to the Glory of God, to the Spread of Religion, to the Advancement of Learning.

It is placed in Memory's Shrine by the Class of '37 that the names of these Founders may be known to those who enjoy the fruit of their sacrifice and labor.

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FOREWORD

THIS BOOK, issued by the Class of '37, is designed for the Students of Today, the Students of Yesterday, and the Members of Belmont Abbey Community.

To the Students of Today it will be a permanent record in text and picture of College Friends and College Activities of 1936-1937. It will be a memento of days which will grow dearer as they merge into the coming years.

To the Students of Yesterday, the Book will bring to mind places familiar and loved in days now gone; it will recall Classmate and Teacher, once met daily in lecture hall and on campus, but whose names and faces the passing years have dimmed; it will enable them to live again, in the record of student activities, their own student days.

To the Members of the Belmont Abbey Community, it will be another link forged in the chain of service stretching down the years; it will help them to keep in mind the kindly thought and interest which they bear the students of today when these shall have become the students of yesterday.

LEGEND OF BOOKS

ON THE CAMPUS

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THE SPIRE

A mighty Symbol

Reared by human hands

To point the fact

That man

Earth bound

Must upward strive

To full communion

With his fellow man

To perfect union

With his God.

IN CAMPUS WOODS

COLLEGE AVENUE

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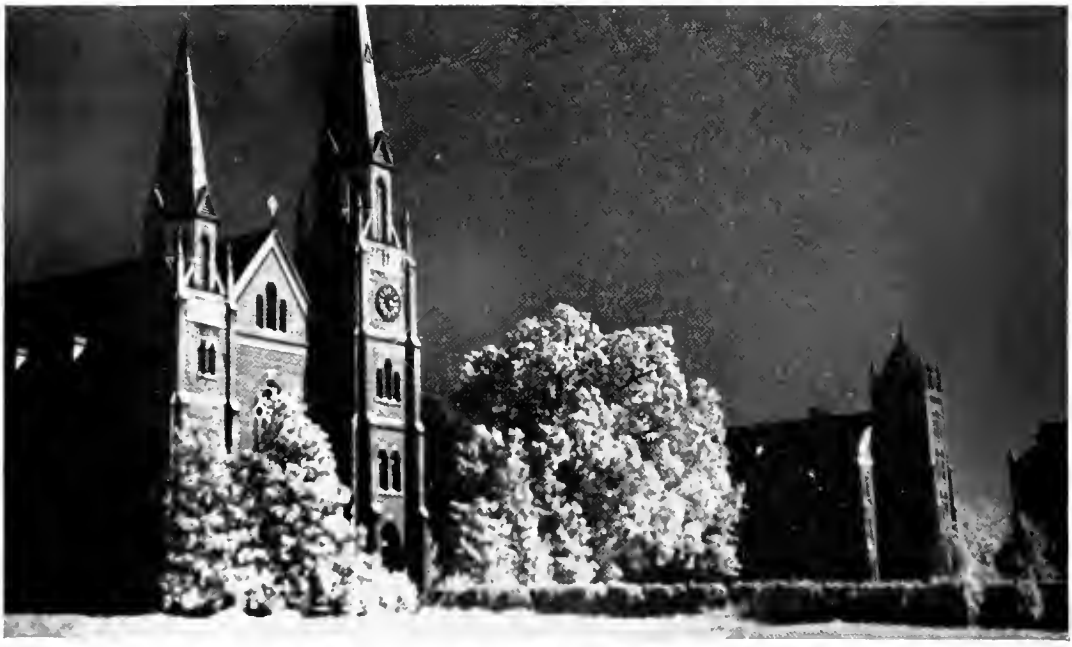
THE CLOISTER AND THE COLLEGE

IN THE CLOISTER GARDEN

THE HAID GYMNASIUM



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FACULTY

BENEDICT OF NURSIA

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Sage—Saint

Monk—Lawgiver

Teacher—Patriarch.

He grasped the Torch

Of Religion and Learning

As it lay dying

In the Western World

And passed it down the Centuries.

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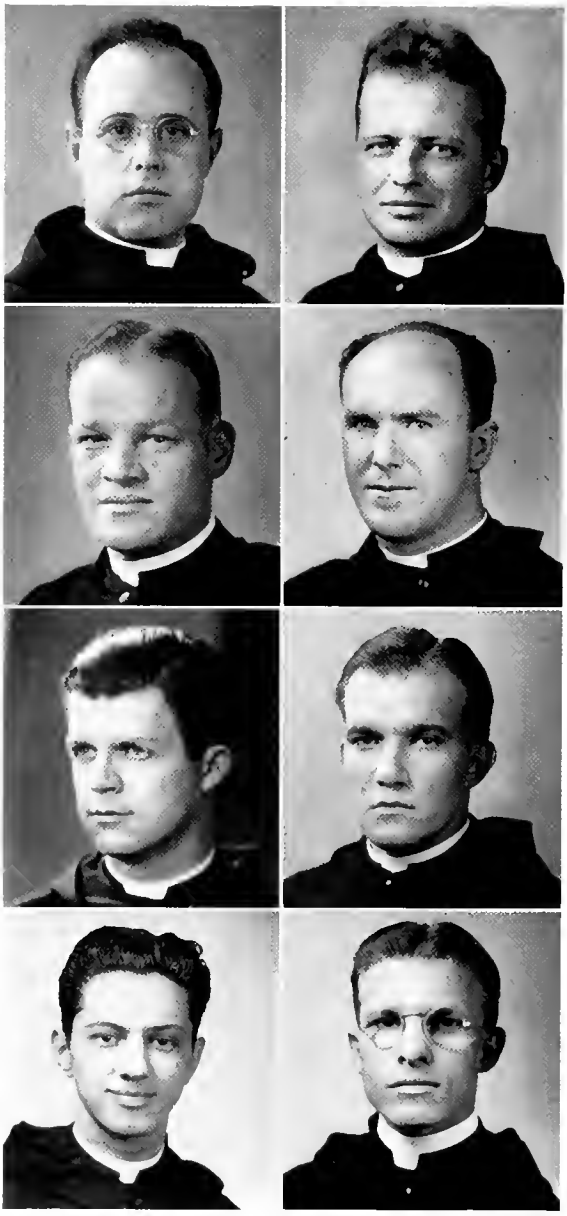

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THE COLLEGE

FRANK McKEE

GASTONIA, N. C.

"Frank"

Post Grad.

Frank comes from the capital of the county, just ten miles from Abbey. After completing his Junior and Sophomore years he returned for post graduate work. He intends to be an electrical engineer, and next year goes to Duke.

RANDOLPH SILVERSTEIN

GASTONIA, N. C.

"Randy"

Post Grad.

Randy also hails from thriving and energetic Gastonia. He is another of last year's grads who returned this year for special work. Next year he will be in business in his home town.

ROBERT PAYNE ALEXANDER

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

"Bob"

Bob is one of the boys from the near-by big city. Although quiet in manner, he is full of pep and vigor, and has been active in class affairs. He will be long remembered by his friends. Bob expects to be a "BOYOLOGIST."

BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE

ALEXANDER E. ANDERSEN, JR.
BRISTOL, TENN.

"Swede"

Swede is Tennessee's publicity agent for the Abbey and its territory. His motto: "Let Things Take Care of Themselves." Class President, Freshman '36, Sophomore '37; Football '35; Piedmont Club '35-'37; Pser Club '37. He plans to go next year to Washington and Lee.

GEORGE RANKIN ARMSTRONG
GASTONIA, N. C.

"Doc"

Doc has been in the midst of everything at Abbey. He's a real friend and an excellent student. Spire Staff '37. He plans to study Medicine next year at Southern Methodist.

KENNETH BALDWIN
BELMONT, N. C.

"Ken"

A boy who comes from within a half hour's stroll of the Abbey. His popularity in Belmont is great, and he is equally popular in school. Next year Ken will probably attend North Carolina State.

JOHN EDMUND BARRY

WILMINGTON, N. C.

"Johnny"

Johnny is noted at the Abbey for two things, his splendid school spirit and his big voice. Football '35, '36, Baseball '36, '37; Monogram Club '36, '37; Piedmont Club '36, '37; Glee Club '37. "Why can't I . . ." is his favored expression. Next year Johnny goes to Mount St. Mary's.

JAMES CRUMP

NORFOLK, VA.

"Buddy"

Buddy's greatest weakness is blondes. His favored expression "Oh, Boy!" Basketball '36, '37, captain in '37, Baseball '36, '37; Piedmont Club '36, '37; president '37. Plans for next year, uncertain.

THEODORE FRAZER

CHARLESTON, W. VA.

"Frazoo"

Teddy is the Abbey's only Republican and enjoys it. His favored expression is "Excuse me, Father." Football '35, '36, Captain in '36; Boxing '36; Contact Staff '35, '37. Pser Club '37; Monogram Club '36, '37; Piedmont Club '35, '37. Next year Ted plans to further his education at the University of West Virginia.

WILLIAM JOHN GEARON

WOONSOCKET, R. I.

"Frog"

Bill is one of our Yankee Boys and one of the most popular boys in school. He can usually be heard telling the world "You see what I mean?" Football '36, '37; Boxing '36; Baseball '36, '37; Monogram Club '36, 37; Pser Club '37; Spire Staff '37. Next year he goes to Massachusetts Tech.

GEORGE EDWARD GORNTO

RICHMOND, VA.

"Gorntie"

George is characterized by sincerity and good humor These qualities have made him many friends. He favors "Hey" as an expression. Editor of Spire '37; Glee Club '37; Dramatic Club '35. Next year he will "rah-rah" for the University of Virginia.

CHARLES AUGUSTUS HOBBS, JR.

MOUNT HOLLY, N. C.

"Mastermind"

Mount Holly is only two miles from the Abbey. During his stay at the Abbey C. A. has been one of our most pleasant local contacts. He's a jolly good fellow; his happy disposition attracts and holds friends. Next year C. A. goes to Georgia Tech.

WILLIAM HULL

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

"Bill"

Bill came to the Abbey for the first time in September last, but in a short time had made himself like an old timer. All his classmates wish that he had been with them longer. He expects to enter business in Charlotte after completing his Abbey courses

ARTHUR JENKINS

BELMONT, N. C.

"Art"

Art is one of the quietest of students except when singing "Timber." He is an interested participant in all class affairs, and will be greatly missed, when he enters business in September.

JOHN VICTOR McAULIFFE

CHARLESTON, S. C.

"Charleston Charlie"

A tall, serious looking lad, always with a prank up his sleeve. "Dick Tracy" is his favorite character in literature, and "O yeah" his favorite expression. Piedmont Club '35, '37; Class Officer '37. Next year he goes to the University of North Carolina.

HOWARD McKENZIE

GASTONIA, N. C.

"Philosopher"

Mac spends most of his time philosophizing. Although the smallest member of the grad class, he sure fills the gap with what it takes. Next year he goes to Notre Dame.

GEORGE EDWARD McMANUS

NEWPORT, R. I.

"Mac"

Mac took the Abbey with his free and easy ways. His "Take it easy, boys," is often heard around the campus. Piedmont Club '35; Editor Contact '35, '37; Abbey Players '35; Associate Editor Spire '37; Pser Club '37. Next year he goes to Columbia.

ROBERT WRAY RANKIN

GASTONIA, N. C.

"Bob"

Bob is well known to everyone connected with the Abbey and equally well and widely known in his home town, growing Gastonia. Manager Football '35, '37; Basketball '37; Business Manager Spire '37. Next year he goes to Duke.

FRONTIS JOSEPH RODGERS
SALUDA, S. C.

"Gus"

When Gus graduates, Abbey will lose one of her oldest and most popular students. Gus started in the Prep School. Piedmont Club '35, '37; Football '36, '37; Vice-President of the Sophomore Class. Next year Gus goes to Mount St. Mary's.

LESTER STOWE
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

"Les"

Les is another Abbey Boy from Charlotte. Piedmont Club '35, '36. Les stands well in class and with his classmates. Following graduation he will enter business in Charlotte.

WILLIAM FREDERICK TOPHAM
ROANOKE, VA.

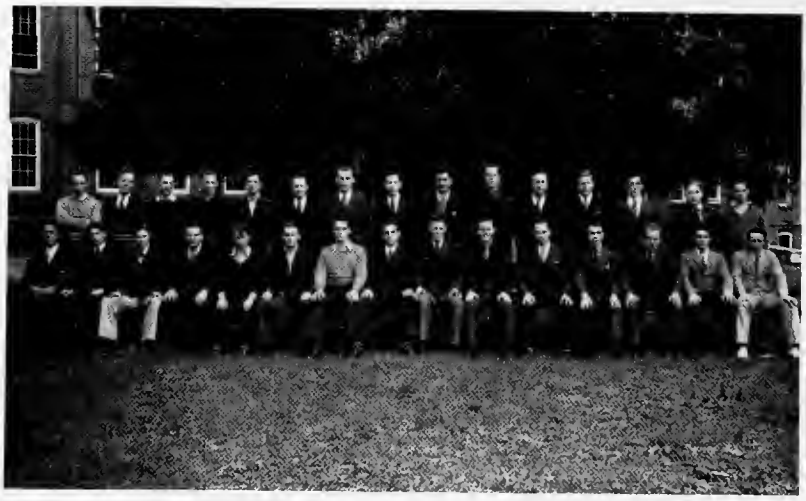
"Bill"

Quite a hand at bridge, and a grand slam with the boys. Next year Franklin and Marshall will claim Bill as a pre-med. He has been a moving factor in Piedmont Club work. "Certiny" is his favorite expression. Piedmont Club '35, 37.

WALTER BOND WATSON
RANLO, N. C.

"Gautier"

W. B. is one of the most popular students coming to the Abbey. Treasurer Sophomore Class, Football '35, '36; Baseball '36. Next year he will take up Textile Engineering.



A GROUP OF FRESHMEN

OFFICERS

Mahany Ray	*President*
Woodrow Wilson	*Vice-President*
Price Ferguson	*Secretary*
Patrick O'Leary	*Treasurer*

The Freshman of '37 have been energetic and progressive, developing initiative and a strong spirit of school loyalty. Coming in September from nearby cities and towns, from places afar and far separated from each other, they were organized in a few weeks, and operating as the FRESHMAN CLASS of '37.

The first year at the Abbey will live long in the memories of the Freshmen. The "Rat Caps," the Piedmont Initiation, Classmates starring in football, basketball and other sports, the Class Dance at the Belmont Community House, the Sophomore Banquet in June, these and a hundred other incidents and events will abide with them long after Abbey and the things of Abbey have passed into the past.

Each year the departing Sophomores have delivered the student traditions and heritage of the school to the Freshmen. The duty of the Freshman is to preserve, invigorate, and increase them. The departing Sophomores usually left the Abbey carrying with them doubts as to their successors ability to carry on worthily. Not so this year. The Sophomores are proud of the Freshman Class, and are confident that they are leaving Abbey in the hands of able, earnest, and devoted men.

THE ABBEY FROM THE SOUTH

THE HIGH SCHOOL

BURGER CHADWICK CRONIN DAVIDSON
GASS, MARTIN HARRIS

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

FRANCIS XAVIER BURGER

"FRANK" ATLANTA, GA.

Frank came to the Abbey in '33-'34 Ramblers Basketball '34-'35; Varsity Basketball '36-'37; Piedmont Club '36-'37; Altar Boys' Society '34-37. Hopes to attend pre-med. school next year.

LOUIS STEPHEN CHADWICK

"LOVEABLE LOU" FERNANDINA, FLA.

Louis has been in the Ramblers Club since '34. Letterman, Boxing '36; Ramblers Basketball '37; Altar Boys' Society '37. Returns to Abbey for Junior College work.

JAMES JOSEPH CRONIN

"JIMMY" SAVANNAH, GA

Jimmy is one of the original Ramblers, '35-'37. Boxing Team '35-'36; Contact Staff '35-'37. Returns next year to Abbey.

WILLIAM ARTHUR DAVIDSON

"PEANUTS" PLYMOUTH, N. C.

Started at Abbey in '35. Piedmont Club '35-'37; Football Team '36-'37; Monogram Club '37. Next year?

MARTIN JEROME GASS

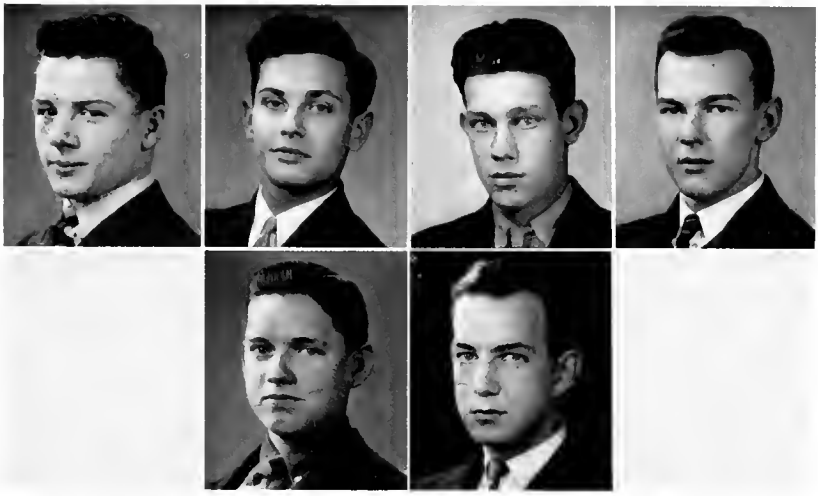
"MARTY" CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Came to Abbey in '33 Baseball '36; Football '36-37; Monogram Club '36-'37; Returns to Abbey next year.

ROBERT DAVID HARRIS

"BOB" BELMONT, N. C.

Another Boy of '35. "Lives on luck," says he. Outstanding and companionable. Returns to Abbey next year.



KABAS KETCHUM MCCASKEY STANTON
TATUM WILLIAMS

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

JOHN FELIX KABAS

"RED" CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Red is an original Rambler, entering in '33. Football '36; Varsity Basketball '36-'37; Altar Boys Society '33-'37. Next year again at Abbey.

HAROLD BISHOP KETCHUM

"BUD" MOUNT HOLLY, N. C.

Bud came first in '33. Glee Club '37. Returns in September for Junior College.

JOSEPH D. MCCASKEY

"MAC" GOLDSBORO, N. C.

This is Mac's first year at Abbey. Member of the Piedmont Club. Returns next year for Junior College.

WILLIAM WATT STANTON

"BILL" GREENSBORO, N. C.

"Bill" a Rambler since '33. Ramblers Basketball Team '36-'37. Next year intends to go to University of North Carolina.

WILLIAM JAMES TATUM

"BILL" BELMONT, N. C.

Bill arrived at the Abbey for the first time in '33. "Happy-go-Lucky" is his motto but he stands well in his class and with his classmates. Junior College work at the Abbey next year.

ALBERT JEROME WILLIAMS

"JERRY" CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Jerry also chose '33 for entering the Abbey. After graduation he expects to work. Favorite pastime, sleeping.

A HIGH SCHOOL GROUP

These are the younger boys of the Abbey, members of the Prep Department. They hail from nine states and two foreign countries. Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, Cuba and Egypt claim sons in the Prep.

They are an ambitious bunch, determined to complete their prep work and enter College. Most of them will make their Freshman and Sophomore years at the Abbey. The Prep Course is four years. This gives them splendid foundation for future studies, and imbues them with an abounding Abbey Spirit. They consider themselves, and with much right, the backbone of the school.

The Ramblers is the social and athletic club of the Prep Department. The highlight of the social season is the Spring Dance, given after Easter. The present Prep inherited a splendid football tradition of victory, and has kept the record intact. The season closed on Thanksgiving Day, and marked the eighth consecutive year that the Club went undefeated.

THE SPIRE— AN UNUSUAL VIEW

ACTIVITIES

Left to Right—Andersen, O'Leary, Armstrong, Hamm, Gornto, Rankin, Davidson, McManus, Ray, Gearon.

THE SPIRE STAFF

The Spire for '37 has a round dozen of capable and clever boys on its staff. Howard Allen of Gastonia, and Rush Rankin of Belmont, who did fine work on the book, are missing from the above picture. George Gornto of Richmond, Va. is the editor. George is a student of whom the Abbey may well be proud. His ability and genius are well demonstrated in these pages.

George Armstrong of Gastonia, N. C. and George McManus of Newport, R. I., associate editors, were efficient aides and did excellent work to make this issue of The Spire the best ever.

The unsung hero of the Annual is Robert Rankin. Bob held the difficult position of business manager, and it was largely to his never failing energy and business sense that The Spire of '37 saw the light. Mahany Ray of Savannah, Ga. and Pat O'Leary of Beckley, W. Va. were his assistants and helped greatly to do a hard job well.

Rush Rankin of Belmont and Bill Davidson of Plymouth, N. C. represented the High School on the staff, and handled their duties admirably. Alex Andersen, Jr., Bristol, Tenn.-Va. took excellent care of the sports; and Howard Allen of Gastonia, N. C., William Gearon of Woonsocket, R. I., and Charles Hamm of Framingham, Mass., covered the Student Activities.

Left to Right—Rodgers, Ray, Frazer, Speas, McManus, Mattern, O'Leary, Andersen, Cronin.

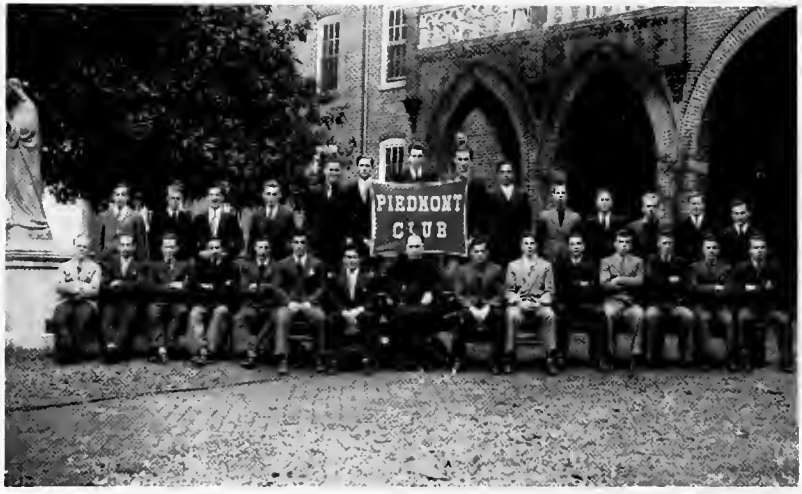
CONTACT STAFF

Contact is the monthly paper published by the students of Belmont Abbey College. Many long and laborious hours are devoted by the Staff and assistants to each issue. At the beginning of the year George McManus, George Buckley, Jr. and Vernon Kelley, Jr. formed the staff. Shortly after the beginning of the second semester it was reorganized and Howard P. Allen and Alex Andersen, Jr. were assigned to the work.

Father Eugene Egan, O.S.B., faculty adviser, has been a great factor in promoting the progress and maintaining the standards of the paper.

Each issue contains news from THE OLD BOYS, PIEDMONT CLUB, RAMBLERS CLUB, Sports News, Campus Events, and articles on subjects historically related to the Abbey and to Gaston County. The Staff is greatly aided by contributions from the Faculty and from the Student Body. The names of the following students often appear on the pages of *Contact*; Pat O'Leary, Faison Spears, James Cronin, Frontis Rodgers, Theodore Frazer, Paul Mattern, and David Lawrence.

Contact forms a close bond between the "Old Boys" and the present students, and both eagerly await the arrival of each issue.



THE PIEDMONT CLUB

OFFICERS

James L. Crump	*President*
Frontis J. Rodgers	*Vice-President*
William J. Gearon	*Treasurer*
John E. Barry	*Secretary*

The Piedmont Club, the most popular and successful organization on the campus, has made outstanding progress during the past year. Interest ran high in every undertaking in which the Club participated, and the spirit of Piedmont was at all times evident.

The Reunion, a long cherished dream of the Piedmonters, was realized at Thanksgiving time in November. The Reunion program continued for three days. Piedmonters from all over the country were present. A football game, a banquet, a smoker, a tea dansant, and a formal ball were the features of the celebration. The success of the Reunion was due in great part to the hard work of the committee under the chairmanship of William Topham.

The Easter Dance, held in the Haid Gymnasium on the evening of April 9th, was a brilliant affair. Nearly a hundred couples participated, including a number of old Piedmonters, who came for the occasion. The arrangements were in charge of a committee headed by Alex Andersen, Jr.

At commencement time many Club Members will say farewell to Abbey and to Piedmont. But they will take with them happy memories of pleasant hours spent in Piedmont fellowship. The members of the Club, who will return next year, are making plans to increase the membership and to carry on the tradition of the Club as an oustanding factor in the development of THE ABBEY.

Left to Right, Standing—Barry, Keefe, Spears, Mattern, McManus, Ray, Kelly, Munnerlyn, Couturier, McNulty. *Seated*—Braun, Speight.

ABBEY GLEE CLUB

OFFICERS

John Barry	*President*
Mahany Ray	*Vice-President*
George McManus	*Secretary*
L. Longmire Speight	*Pianist*

The Abbey Glee Club was reorganized for the Scholastic Year '36-'37 in October. Its first public appearance was at the Piedmont Club Reunion Smoker on Thanksgiving night. The first number was "Chorale" from Jean Sibelius' "Finlandia." Paul Mattern sang "Smilin' Thru," and the group rendered Anton Dvorak's well known "Going Home."

Rehearsals are held every Monday night, and song fests on Wednesday. During lent the Club sang for the weekly services in the Abbey Cathedral.

Top Row, Left to Right—Munnerlyn, Kelley, Salm, Braun, Iluria, Moses, Kabas. *Middle Row*—Cronin, Rodgers, Van Sant, Devenney, Burger, Hock. *Bottom Row*—Waddell, Sheehan, Richards, Fr. Martin, Chadwick, Sargeant, Frazer.

THE ALTAR BOYS' SOCIETY

The Altar Boys' Society under the direction of Frater Martin, O.S.B. was reorganized shortly after the resumption of school in September.

New members were necessary to fill the ranks left by graduation. These were easily obtained, and soon proved themselves as capable as their predecessors in assisting at the Divine Services. At the Abbey all services are carried out with solemnity and a strict adherence to the liturgical laws.

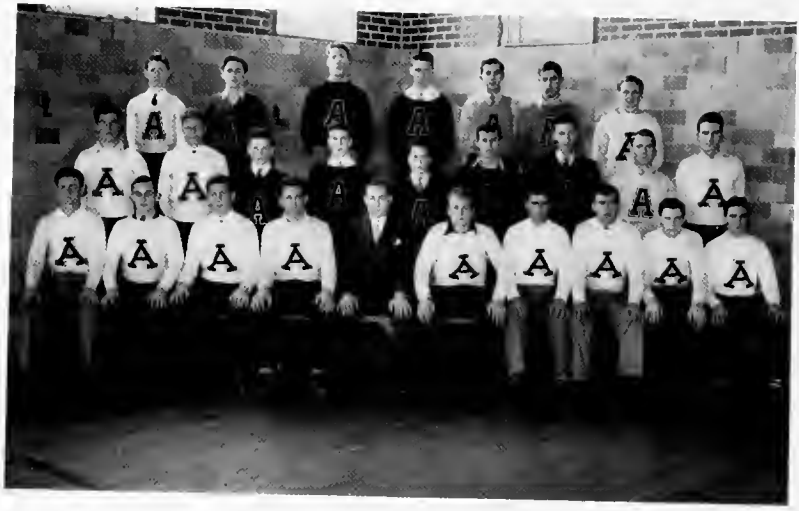
As in previous years, the Altar Boys took an important part in the religious ceremonies. These include feats of Christ the King, All Saints, All Souls, the Forty Hours Devotion, the Immaculate Conception, Christmas, Epiphany, Candlemas Day, Ash Wednesday, and the Holy Week services culminating with the Solemn Pontifical Mass on Easter. To these were added the after Easter festivals of St. Benedict, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Ascension of our Lord, the most Blessed Trinity, the glorious celebration of the feast of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar on Corpus Christi, and finally the divine services of thanksgiving on Commencement Day.

As usual the annual dinner for the Altar Boys was held in the College dining room during the latter part of May.

Left to Right—Rodgers, Andersen, Topham, Father Cuthbert, Kelley, Gearon, Frazer.

THE PSER CLUB

An opportunity to study, discuss, and express opinions on the leading current questions of the day is afforded by the PSER CLUB. Its membership is composed almost entirely of the students of the Economic and Sociology Departments; and its purpose is the practical round-table discussion of Political, Social, Economic and Religious Problems. Hence the name, P-S-E-R Club. The subjects are not only interesting and informing, but provocative of original thought on the part of the students. Its membership is limited, yet it invites all who are interested to take part in its studies. The Club is under the direction of the Reverend Rector, Father Cuthbert Allen, O.S.B. Vernon Kelley is the Secretary. The group is rapidly becoming the intellectual elite of the campus.



Top Row, Left to Right—Cronin, Burger, Lawrence, Wilson, K. Gass, Jenkins, Hudacek. *Middle Row*—Hamm, Kelley, Kabas, Gearon, Chadwick, M. Gass, Rankin, O'Leary, Ferguson. *Bottom Row*—Couturier, Frazer, Ray, Warren, Coach Wheeler, Meyer, Barry, Davidson, Rodgers, Crump.

THE MONOGRAM CLUB

OFFICERS

Woodrow Wilson	*President*
Frontis Rodgers	*Vice-President*
Vernon Kelly	*Secretary*
William Davidson	*Historian*
David Lawrence	*Sergeant-at-Arms*
Howard A. Wheeler	*Moderator*

The Monogram Club was organized in 1931. All students who have earned their students' letter "A" in football, basketball, baseball, or boxing are members. The purposes of the Club are to foster school spirit, encourage and widen the scope of sporting activities, and act as host to visiting teams.

This Club also sponsors annually a basketball tournament for the High Schools of Gaston County. The tournament continues for three days, and is held in the Abbey Gymnasium. Its purpose is to develop friendship and understanding between the Abbey and the people of Gaston County.

To a member of the Monogram Club as the best all-round athlete of the school the Bishop Haid trophy is annually awarded. This trophy was donated by Mr. Paul L. Ha'd, '04, in memory of the Most Rev. Bishop Haid, O.S.B., D.D., Bishop of North Carolina, first Abbot and President of Belmont Abbey. The trophy has been awarded as follows: Bernard J. Doris, '29, Gerard J. Campbell, '30, Leo H. Manley, '31, Peter B. Wheeler, '32, Louis H. Feldman, '33, Dennis J. Kearns, '34, Joseph L. Mauro, '35, Walter A. Coggin, '36, —'37.

THE RAMBLERS CLUB

OFFICERS

James J. Cronin	*President*
John F. Kabas	*Vice-President*
Gale R Waddell	*Secretary*
John E. Justice	*Treasurer*

The RAMBLERS form the athletic and social Club on the Abbey's High School Department. This is the fourth year of its organization. It has a record membership, and has been most successful in all its undertakings.

This year, as in other years, the Ramblers have sponsored and outfitted a basketball team, which has made a name for itself in High School circles. It has refitted and refurnished its club rooms. It has developed a pool team, which is among the best in the school; and they consider themselves and with much justice, as among the most important factors in the well-being of the Abbey.

The high light of the Ramblers' social season was the spring dance. This was held on April 23 in the Community House at Belmont. It was the most enjoyable of the dances sponsored by the Ramblers since their organization.

Although the youngest of the Abbey's Clubs, the Ramblers yield to none in school activities, school spirit, and school loyalty.

FOOTBALL

BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE

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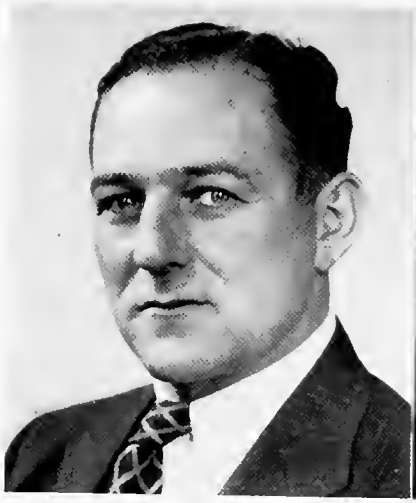

HOWARD A. WHEELER
Illinois
Head Coach

REYMAN BONAR
Notre Dame
Backfield Coach

THE WAY TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP

NORTH CAROLINA STATE FROSH BEAT CRUSADERS

Cracking down with potent fury, the highly touted Wolflettes of North Carolina State routed a light and fighting band of Crimson Crusaders, 25-6, on September 25th. The Belmonters, playing the best team they would meet all season at an early date, could not cope with the power and reserve strength that the Baby Engineers had to offer. The little Wolfpack, later named thte Frosh Champions of North Carolina, winning all their games except a scoreless tie to Duke on a muddy field, scored nineteen points the first half.

The Crusaders, coming back with more sureness and precision the second half in their executions of the new Notre Dame system, matched State's one touchdown with one of their own.

Bob White, State halfback, was the outstanding performer of the game. He passed, kicked, and ran his way to two touchdowns. Aided and abetted by four

BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE

teams of blockers who were interchanged frequently throughout the game, this State lad was a thorn in the side of the Crusaders.

Bud Holborn was best for Abbey. Holburn, who later had to leave Abbey, gave promise in that one game to develop into a mighty fine back. He scored Belmont's only touchdown.

The game was closer and more interesting than the score indicates. Coaches Wheeler, Bonar, and Fr. Daniel were able to experiment with their new charges and finally hit upon a combination that tied the Wolfpack the last half and, in later games, swept on to a state championship.

CRUSADERS CONQUER

Lick Lees-McRae, 18-7

Riding roughly, reminiscent of revenging Crusaders, the crimson-clad Wheelbonbarmen shook off the thrusts of Lees-McRae College on October 10, and emerged with a sweet 18-7 victory.

The Crusaders scored early in the first period, with Hamm, Hudacek and Hilton leading the charges. After a thirty yard drive, the Abbey came to the four yard stripe. After being denied the promised land twice, the Crusaders pushed off the Greenies from Banner Elk and got a touchdown. The try for extra point was no good.

From this point until the beginning of fourth quarter, the battle was nip and tuck. However, Lees-McRae, fighting a valiant battle, let loose with an aerial attack that ended with a touchdown when Eller snagged a pass and went over the goal.

Things looked pretty bad for the Abbey. But somehow, from somewhere, a remembrance of a losing battle fought in Raleigh only two weeks before took hold of a crowd of stout-hearted gridsters, and the Crusaders turned on the steam. Walker Drennon, playing a beautiful game, grabbed on to a fumble. Alternately, the backs brought the ball up to the two yard line from the forty yard marker. Butch Hudacek swept over for a touchdown, but failed to convert.

And then Lees-McRae started to come back. They opened a passing onslaught that clicked for four successive gains. However, they lost the pigskin on the thirty five yard line on downs, the Crusaders' line had tightened, having been strengthened with reserves. Butch Hudacek, who had been galloping like a ghost all the afternoon, put a lunch-hook on the treasury and carried the mail for sixty five yards and a touchdown. It was a sixty yard off-tackle run and the whole Abbey team had blocked beautifully. For the third time, Abbey failed to convert.

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TOP ROW—RANKIN, R. W., *Mgr.* FERGUSON KELLEY CARDEN

MIDDLE ROW GEARON WATSON RAY CA

BOTTOM ROW COUTURIER HUDACEK HAMM FRAZER

E STATE CHAMPIONS

KABAS RODGERS RHYNE LAWRENCE, *Asst. Mgr.*

HOCK BARRY DAVIDSON

WILSON MEYER CLOER WARREN

There was only two minutes left in the game after Butch had shaken loose. Lees-McRae, a fighting foe, came back to strike, but the time limit ended the game which was to mark Abbey's initial victory in the string of wins that was to follow.

WHEELERMEN WIN

Trim Appalachian Frosh, 13-7

Proving to the world that they were indeed Crusaders—possessing every ability to come from behind—the crimson-clad grid warriors of Belmont Abbey, resplendent in their new uniforms, outfought and defeated the strong Appalachian State Frosh aggregation on October 17th, 13-7. The teams were evenly matched, with the Frosh having the weight advantage.

There was no scoring the first period. Abbey made a magnificent threat at the start of the game when the elusive John Barry grabbed the kick-off and hauled the pigskin to the Frosh's twenty five yard line. However, the Teachers fought gamely and the Wheelermen lost the ball on downs.

Early in the second period the Freshmen opened a hole, sent through their corps of blockers (and they could block!), and on their heels raced a rabbit-liked halfback named Flowers to the Abbey goal. He scored and a moment later coasted over the baffled Crusaders' tackle for the extra point.

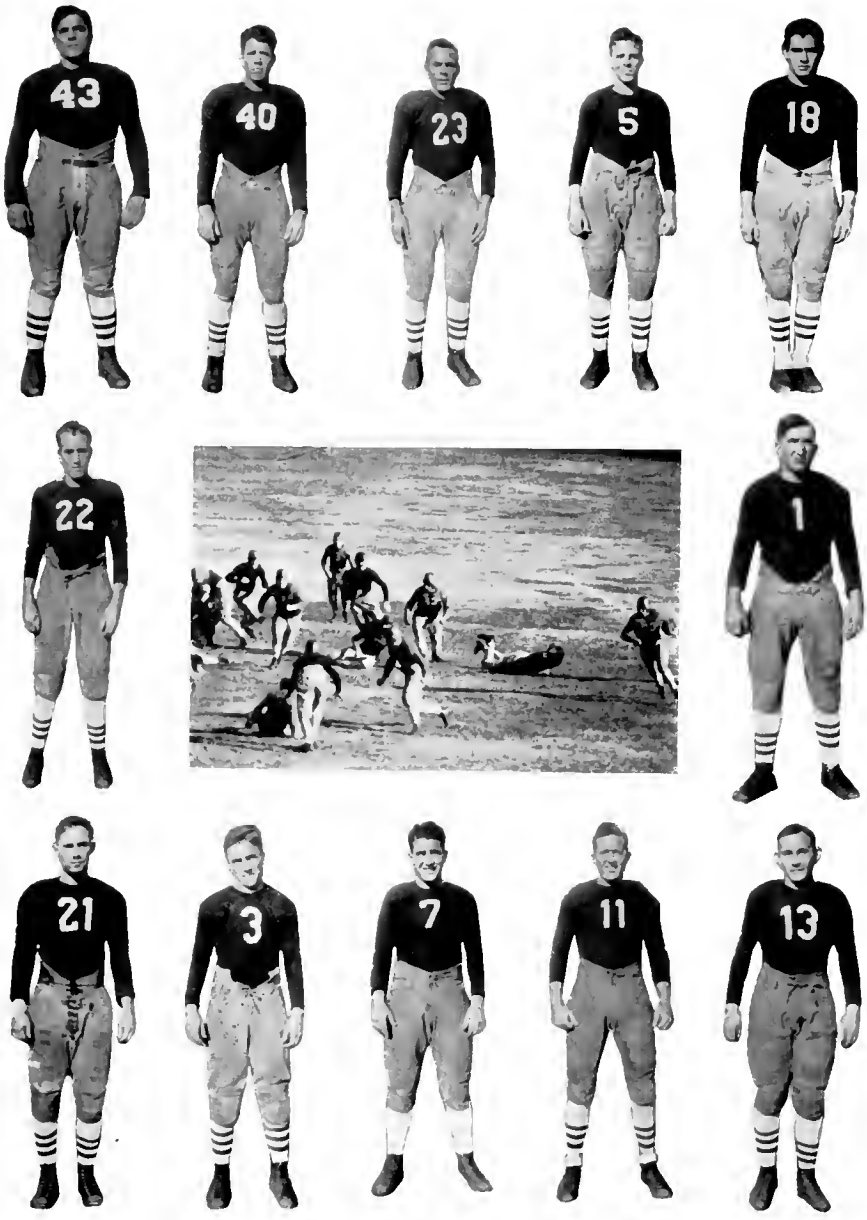
And the Abbey came back. Woody Wilson, Belmont's brilliant co-captain, shot a long pass to John Barry who stepped over the goal without having had a hand laid on him. But the try for extra point failed and the Frosh enjoyed a one point lead.

The fourth quarter had just about spent itself and the Crusaders were still behind. The rain was pouring and still, the Abbey rooters were there, coaxing and pleading. And the Abbey boys rose for the occasion. By a succession of baffling runs, quick passes, indeed by employment of every trick it had in the bag, the Abbey launched a drive that ended in a touchdown. This time Woody Wilson's toe hit its mark and the game ended with the score 13-7, in Abbey's favor.

ABBEY 14, MARS HILL 13

Crusaders Lick Lions in Their Own Lair

Revenging scores of the past two years, the cruising Crusaders of the Abbey unfurled their banners and withstood the snarls of the Mars Hill Mountain Lions, and, incidentally, copped a neat 14-13 win on October 24th. Woody Wilson, versatile Abbey half and co-captain, made his educated toe prove to be the deciding factor of the game. There was no scoring during the first half of the skirmish.



PLAYS AND PLAYERS OF YESTERYEAR

Early in the third period, the Crusaders recovered an Areopagitican fumble and gained the ball on the twenty-eight yard line. Four plays clicked for short gains, followed by a short pass to Meyer, and then Hamm lugged the oval into the pay territory. Wilson kicked the extra point.

However, the Areopagiticans, undaunted by the Abbey spurt, unleashed a passing attack that ended with a touchdown. They missed the extra point. Again in the fourth period the Lions struck again, scored, and made the extra point. There were but few minutes left in the game.

Abbey started to drive. First it was a straight buck, then a short pass, then a cross buck, now a lateral—the Crusaders called upon their whole repertoire. Hamm, taking the ball on the eleven yard line, scored, making the score thirteen all.

Woody Wilson stood for the kick. The game depended on his toe. The ball was passed, Wilson grabbed it, gave it a boot and up it went—straight through the uprights. Belmont Abbey College had re-established its football dignity — had defeated the strong Mountain Lions of Mars Hill, 14-13.

BELMONT BESTS BREVARD

Scoring early in he first frame, the Belmont Abbey Crusaders cracked down to crush a crowd of fighting footballers from Brevard College on Saturday, October 31st. The first pay-off came as a result of a pass from Wilson to Hilton, Wilson converting for the extra point.

During the second period, Belmont drove deep into Brevard territory, only to be repulsed by a charging line. In the closing minutes of the second period, however, Abbey, working its backs alternately, pushed over another touchdown. This time the try for extra point failed.

The final touchdown came in the third quarter. The Crusaders recovered a fumble on their 35 yard line, and scored in three plays, the scintillating scamps of Hudacek featuring the drive. Woody Wilson again missed his dropkick and there was no more scoring.

The running of Hudacek and Hilton, the line smashing of Carino, and the blocking of Couturier were the outstanding features of the game.

ABBEY WHIPS WINGATE

Performing with perfect precision, Belmont Abbey continued its drive towards a State championship November 7 when they met and snatched a win from the highly touted Wingate Bulldogs. While the score was eighteen to six, and although

Wingate made several serious threats, the Crusaders were masters of the situation at all times and outplayed their opponents in every department of the game.

Accompanied by the students of Sacred Heart College and of their own institution, the Belmonters rose to the occasion and smothered a foe that was doped to win.

Edward "Butch" Hudacek, continuing the play that was making him famous in junior college circles, scored early in the first frame when he grabbed the pigskin on Wingate's twenty and rushed over for a touchdown. Abbey missed the extra point.

Wingate, certainly a gallant foe, came back in the second quarter to score and make the count even.

Hudacek, not content with having started the fireworks ignited a second charge when he grabbed a punt and ran straight up the field with perfect interference to dash eighty yards for a score. Again Abbey missed the extra point and the score at half-time was 12-6.

Late in the third period, Walker Drennon intercepted a desperate Wingate pass on the Bulldogs' thirty five and lugged it fifteen yards to place it in scoring position. After Carino had lost a yard on an attempted smash, Woody Wilson stepped through on a fake reverse and hiked the remaining twenty yards for a score.

The blocking of Couturier was really the bright light of the game. This Charleston youngster was the spark plug who was mowing them down for Hudacek as the Wheeling thunderbolt was tripping through his mad skirmishes. Mahany Ray and Johnny Barry were good on the defensive.

CRUSADERS DEFEAT PRESBYTERIAN

With the reserves doing most of the playing, the Crusaders smashed out a 36-0 win over a small but fighting aggregation from Presbyterian Junior College on November 14th.

Although they scored almost at will, the Wheeler-coached men at times appeared rather listless and drew many penalties. Coach Wheeler was scouting Brevard and Coaches Bonar and Fr. Daniel were in charge.

The brightest feature of the game was the work of Jack Carden, a substitute halfback. Carden scored two touchdowns and did lots of gaining towards scoring positions. .

PLAYS AND PLAYERS OF YESTERYEAR

BELMONT ABBEY DEFEATS CAMPBELL AND WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

Crusaders, Pack Punch to Win

Playing in the new and beautiful American Legion Memorial Stadium in Charlotte, the Belmont Abbey College Crusaders copped the championship of the North Carolina Junior College Conference, November 21st when they defeated the Camels of Campbell College, 14-0. The Abbey team, which found itself on two occasions to score, looked rather listless when compared to their previous performances.

The first score came when Mahany Ray, Crusader tackle, blocked a punt on Campbell's 26 yard stripe. Hudacek, taking the ball on a beautifully executed off-tackle play, brought it up to the six. Hamm, on a delayed buck, plunged over for the score. Couturier converted from placement.

Having scored, the Crusaders p'aying the defensive. Campbell drove to the shadow of Belmont's goal many times but lacked the punch to push into the pay-dirt. Featured in the Campbell attack was Captain Jimmy Sessoms. This lad ran wild and, while he failed to score, was the best man on the field that day.

Belmont's other touchdown came late in the second quarter when Walker Drennon blocked another Campbell punt on their thirty eight. Woody Wilson twisted his way into the open and scampered the remaining distance to the goal. To add insult to injury, Wilson drop-kicked the extra point.

The demonstration between the halves was colorful. The outstanding feature was the band of Alexander Graham School of Charlotte. The band played at intervals during the game and led the procession in the between-halves demonstration. The members, some fifty or more, were in full regalia—scarlet and white caps, red blouses, and royal blue trousers.

While the Abbey college students marched through various figures they were led by sponsors from Sacred Heart College. These young ladies were: Miss Margaret Middleton, Savannah, Ga., Miss Olive Hennessy, Pinehurst, N. C., Miss Margaret Howe, Belmont, N. C., Miss Frances Angelo, Winston-Salem, N. C., and Miss Alice Robertson, Jacksonville, Fla. The sponsors were escorted by the Abbey cheer leaders: Buddy Crump, Bill Topham, and Pat O'Leary.

FINALE

This was the way to the championship. The players, the coaches, and the students deserve worlds of credit. To the administration of the college, especially, the champion gridsters are grateful, for its splendid cooperation, understanding, and, above all, inspiration.

BASKETBALL

Bottom Row, Left to Right—O'Leary, Couturier, Ray, Coach Wheeler, Crump, Meyer, Hudacek. *Top Row, Left to Right*—Burger, Braun, Lawrence, Mgr. Rankin, Ferguson.

VARSITY SQUAD

Someone has said that when the accomplishments of an individual or a group of individuals is praised too often, the glory and the appreciation which should be extended towards the party is apt to be diminished. Realizing the foregoing, nevertheless, we forsake the common sense thereof, and once again give way to the plaudits which should follow the work of a group of our collegians, the 1936-1937 edition of the basketball squad. They were Crusaders—not because that was the name suggested when Father Eugene asked for one that would be accepted by the faculty, the students, the press and the public—but because they were really gallant fellows, young men playing a sport which, though accidental to their scholastic life, nevertheless, brought to light some of the characteristics that we like to think are proper to the students of Belmont Abbey College.

They were fighters. Small, most of them inexperienced on the hardwood, they banded together to search for a prize. The most delightful feature about that

prize was the fact that it did not suggest self-glory but rather a determination to serve their school, and express the appreciation for their coach that formed a common bond for their hearts.

Unlike the representatives of the sport preceding basketball, they were not champions. Neither can it be said that they made up the most polished team Belmont Abbey ever had. But it can be said, and the same is said here with all the emphasis possible, that a finer group of young men, a more determined body of athletes, has never represented our college.

They won most of their games. They deserve much credit for that. However, what stands out most vividly in the minds of all of us is the way they lost their games. Indeed they were fighters and gentlemen. Some of the few games that went to the other side were heart-breaking. Many of us said all kinds of things, made remarks about the terrible gymnasium the other side had, the poor officiating, bad lighting, and so forth. But the Crusaders never had an alibi. When they lost they only said what they did when they won—absolutely nothing.

Upsetting early season predictions, the Crusaders went to the finals of the State Tournament. They lost in those finals and the circumstances thereof were described in many ways by the students and faculty members there. The basketball team had nothing to say. Because, as far as they were concerned, they had won —they had brought glory to their school, they had lost fighting, and such accomplishments had been the object of their crusade.

Therefore, to the members of the Crusaders' basketball squad, to Coach Howard A. Wheeler, and to Managers David Lawrence and Archie Cameron, we, students of the college, say, "You were swell."

LARKWOOD

Displaying their colorful attire on January 9 for the first time, the Red Jackets broke into the win column.

They defeated Larkwood Mill of Charlotte, 36 to 31. The game was hotly contested throughout with the Red Jackets forging ahead in the closing minutes to emerge victorious. Johnny Meyer was the offensive star for the Jackets and rang the basket for 12 points.

DAVIDSON B.

On January 15 the team journeyed to Davidson to encounter the Davidson "B" team. This game proved to be a contest between two teams that were very

evenly matched, both playing their best basketball. The score remained tied much of the time and neither team was able to gain more than a four-point advantage. Davidson finally eked out a one goal victory, 41 to 39, and the final whistle found the Red Jackets trying desperately to even the count.

George Tice, a brilliant forward who scored 14 points for Davidson, was the offensive star of the game. Buddy Crump and Pat O'Leary featured the Abbey offensive with Butch Hudacek doing yeoman service at guard. The return game is looked forward to with much interest, the Red Jackets having great hopes of evening the count.

P. J. C.

On January 15, P. J. C. (Presbyterian Junior College) came here for the opening of the conference schedule. The Flaming Five turned them back by the overwhelming score of 51 to 23, displayed their best form this season. Hudacek and Meyer led the scoring with 13 points each.

WINGATE

On January 21 the Abbey cagesters dropped their first Conference game by a narrow margin as they were outscored by Wingate College, 25 to 19. The game was played at Wingate. With neither team showing much in the way of an offense, the contest became a defensive duel with the score nearly even throughout. The Abbey looks forward to the return game with Wingate hoping to avenge the defeat on their home court.

OAK RIDGE INSTITUTE

The most exciting game of the season was played at the Abbey on January 23 between the Oak Ridge Cadets and the Red Jackets. The Cadets lost their first conference game this year by a score of 42 to 39.

The Cadets opened the scoring and held a four point lead before the echoes of the opening whistle had died away. The Abbey machine began to click midway in the first half as baskets by Crump and Meyer gave them a ten-point margin. Oak Ridge countered with a volley of long shots which brought the score to 21 to 17.

During the second half the two teams battled on practically even terms with the Abbeyites holding a slight lead most of the way. With four minutes to play the Cadets tied the score at 37 all. The Abbey's chances took a decided tumble at this point as Crump, Hudacek, and Meyer were forced to leave the game.

Mahany Ray came through with a field goal as the Abbey forged ahead, only to be tied again as Howard swished the net for the Cadets. Again Ray broke through the Oak Ridge defense for a basket. That put the Abbey in the lead to stay. A free throw was made and a moment later the final whistle blew, ending a game, that will be important when it comes time to name the Junior College State Champions.

ALLIED VAN

The Crusaders dropped a hotly contested game to the Allied Van cagers from Charlotte on January 28. The scoring was close most of the way with the outcome doubtful until field goals by McCall, rangy center, gave the visitors a victory by the score of 43 to 35.

CAMPBELL COLLEGE

On January 30, the Crusaders added another to their string of conference victories when they defeated Campbell Junior College by the close margin of 36 to 35. Crump and Meyer with 10 points each led the scoring. The game was played at the Abbey.

WINGATE COLLEGE

Wingate came here February 1st to taste defeat. The Crusaders turned them back 43 to 32. Meyer with 13 points and Hudacek with 11 led the scoring for the Wheelermen, and made up for a loss to Wingate earlier in the season.

OAK RIDGE INSTITUTE

The Abbey started a three day foray into hostile territory on February 5. The first game was with Oak Ridge. The Abbey received a severe trouncing at the hands of the Cadets to the tune of 48 to 22. The Cadets ran up the one-sided score with the efficient assistance of Jimmy Howard who found the basket for 14 points.

CAMPBELL COLLEGE

The Crusaders dropped the game with Campbell College the following night. The Campbellites eked out a 20 to 17 victory. The game was featured by close guarding, the offense of neither side clicking.

PRESBYTERIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE

Finishing the three day trip at P. J. C., the Crusaders again broke into the win column. They showed a return to form and emerged victorious from the fray by a score of 40 to 30. Crump and Meyer each found the basket for ten points.

PARRIS ISLAND MARINES

The Crusaders journeyed to Parris Island on February 12 to play the Marine Station. They came out on the long end of a 40-28 score as J. B. Coutourier found the basket for seven field goals and a free throw. The Abbey was ahead the entire game, enjoying a 19-15 lead at half time. In the closing minutes a barrage of field goals by Couturier and Meyer put the game on ice.

ARMSTRONG JUNIOR COLLEGE

On February 13, the Abbey cagers defeated Armstrong Junior College, 38 to 34, in a thrilling game which saw Mahany Ray come through at the last moment with two field goals which proved to be the margin of victory. Armstrong is the Public Junior College of Savannah, Ga.

Playing the role of "home town boy," Ray was guarded closely and was unable to find the basket for a field goal until his eleventh hour surge. With the score tied at 34-all and 30 seconds left in the ball game, he sank a beautiful pot shot from the middle of the floor. As if to add insult to injury, Ray took a pass from John Meyer and sank a crip with no one near him as the final gun sounded.

Both teams played defensive basketball, resulting in 48 free throws from the foul line. Out of the 28 fouls allowed the Crusaders 18 were made good, accounting for nearly half of the Abbey score.

LEES-McRAE

Another conference victory was put on ice February 16 as the Crusaders ran over Lees-McRae by a score of 48-35. With the scoring evenly divided, the sensational floorwork of Price Ferguson, rangy center, was the highlight of the game. His rebounding was the spark plug of the Abbey offense.

DUKE FRESHMEN

Abbey Crusaders traveled to Durham Monday, February 22, to play the Duke Freshmen. The Crusaders received their worst trimming for this year. Score, 51-29.

Hudacek played an outstanding game for the Abbey, but the rest of the team were not up to their usual mark.

DAVIDSON B.

The regular basketball season closed on February 24, as the Crusaders turned back the Davidson "B" team, 41 to 39, in the last scheduled game. Seeking revenge for a defeat the Davidson Kittens had handed them earlier in the season, the Crusaders played steady basketball, taking the lead early in the first period. They were never threatened as field goals by Hudacek, Meyer and O'Leary kept the Abbey chargers ahead throughout the contest.

The North Carolina State Tournament for Junior Colleges was held at Davidson College on March 1-2. Oak Ridge won out, playing for the championship in the finals against Abbey. The following teams were entered in the contest: Oak Ridge, Lees-McRae, Presbyterian Junior, Wingate, Boiling Springs, and the Abbey Crusaders.

The Abbey Crusaders have been putting forth all the season an outstanding brand of basketball, but in the tournament they excelled themselves. By decisive margins the Abbey's scarlet clad basketeers swept through two preliminary games, and then went against the powerful Oak Ridge machine, and were taken into camp after a fight to the finish.

ABBEY vs PRESBYTERIAN

In the first round the Abbey met Presbyterian Junior College, coasting through to a 46-30 victory, after Meyer and Hudacek bombarded the basket with enough goals to run up a 31 to 10 lead at half time. The Crusaders played easily during the second period, seemingly content to hold their lead. Hudacek led the scoring with 13 points, while the defensive play of Ray and Burger was outstanding.

ABBEY vs LEES-McRAE

Meeting the Lees-McRae Lions in their second encounter of the day, the Crusaders emerged victorious by the impressive score of 48 to 29. O'Leary and Ray set the scoring pace, each ringing the hoop for ten points. The Lions were led by Homer Eller, rugged guard, whose all around play earned him honorable mention for the All-Tournament team.

ABBEY vs OAK RIDGE

The final game for the state championship found the Davidson gym packed with Oak Ridge Cadets and Abbey students, each group hopeful of giving team that much needed inspiration for the all-important victory. Excitement ran high and throughout the game loud cheers rang loud, long and continuous.

After a thrilling contest the Cadets came out on the big end of a 42 to 37 score, having turned back a gallant Crusader team that strove mightily to stave off defeat. Answering the opening gun with a barrage of field goals, the Cadets hold a 11 to 4 lead before the game was well under way. The Abbeyites rallied and at half time were within range as they trailed, 15 to 23.

The closing minutes found the Crusaders still trying to overcome the lead which the Cadets had grabbed at the beginning of the contest. They cut it to five points, and this was the margin of victory between the two splendid and evenly-matched quints.

The sharpshooting Billy Howard, Oak Ridge forward, who found the basket for 13 points led the scoring for both teams. Hudacek, Crump, Ray, and O'Leary divided the Abbey scoring. Thus Abbey's basketball season closed with hopes of a state championship vanishing into thin air. However, with the position of runner-up in basketball and the championship in football, Abbey can well be proud of her athletes.

Bottom Row, Left to Right—Devenney, Cronin, Munnerlyn, Kabas, Salm, Chadwick, Sargeant. *Top Row, Left to Right*—Sheehan, Richards, VanSant, Justice, Fr. Daniel, J. Castro, A. Castro, Waddell.

RAMBLERS SQUAD

RAMBLERS LOSE TO BELMONT

On Saturday, January 16th, the Ramblers lost a heart-breaking game to Belmont Hi. The score was 17-16. The Abbey Greenies grabbed the lead early in the game and were leading at the half, 10-6. However their taller opponents came back strong in the second half and forged ahead. The Abbey boys strove desperately to overcome this lead, but their efforts fell a little short. Jimmy Cronin for the Ramblers and "M.R." Hock for Belmont Hi topped the scoring, each was credited with 5 points.

RAMBLERS 15 — PIEDMONT HI 14

In a preliminary to the Varsity Oak Ridge clash, the Ramblers nipped the invading Piedmont Hi five from Charlotte. The score: 15-14. Sherrin of Piedmont led the scoring with five field goals. Captain Kabas led the Ramblers with eight points.

"Y" JUNIORS 20 — RAMBLERS 15

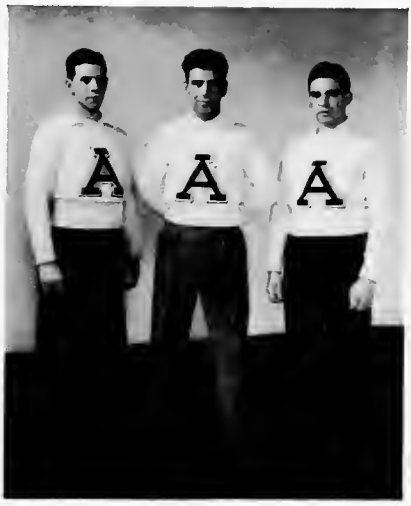
On January 25, the Ramblers took on the strong Charlotte Y. M. C. A. Juniors, and came out on the short end of the score. The game was plenty rough and numerous fouls were called.

RAMBLERS 33 — PIEDMONT HI 12

In this game the Ramblers really hit their stride. Captain Kabas again led the attack and personally accounted for twelve points. The entire second string went into the game and gave a good account of themselves. Pee Wee Waddell, Rambler guard, gave the fans a thrill by dropping one in from the center of the court.

RAMBLERS 16 — BELMONT HI 12

Revenge is sweet, and the Ramblers had their fill at the expense of Belmont High School. In a January game, the Belmont Boys eked out a 17-16 decision. However, it was a different story this time, and the Abbey boys walked off with a 16-12 victory.



Gearon Barry Crump

ABBEY CHEERLEADERS

ABBEY SONGS AND CHEERS

RAH . . . RAH . . . Rah! Rah! Rah!
RAH . . . RAH . . . Rah! Rah! Rah!
RAH . . . RAH . . . Rah! Rah! Rah!
ABBEY . . . ABBEY . . . ABBEY!

LOCOMOTIVE
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KI, YI, YI,
KI, YI, YI,
SIS, SIS, S
BOOM . . BAH . .
ABBEY . . . ABBEY . . . ABBEY

COME ON RED!
COME ON WHITE!
COME ON TEAM,
FITE! FITE! FITE!

HE'S A MAN
WHO'S A MAN?
HE'S AN ABBEY MAN!
Y E A H ————!

FITE, TEAM, FITE!
FITE, TEAM, FITE!
FITE, TEAM, FITE, TEAM!
FITE! FITE! FITE!

ABBEY WANTS A TOUCHDOWN!
GOTTA HAVE A TOUCHDOWN!
ABBEY WANTS A TOUCHDOWN!
GOTTA HAVE A TOUCHDOWN!
(Keep this up till the touchdown comes)

ROLL THAT SCORE WAY UP!
ROLL THAT SCORE WAY UP!
THEY WILL NEVER WANT TO PLAY US
ANY MORE . . . ORE . . . ORE . . . ORE!
YAH—HA—HA—HA—HA!
YAH—HA—HA— HA—HA!
WE'RE THE HEROES OF THE GRID-
IRON, CRUSADERS!

S-S-S-S-S-S-S-S-SIS
BOOM!
Aaaaaaa . . . . . AH
FITE! FITE! FITE!

E—EE—E—YAH!
E—e—e—e—YAH!
E—e—e—e—YAH!
FITE! FITE! FITE!
FITE! FITE!
ABBEY! ABBEY! ABBEY!

Alee—genee—genac—genac!
Alee—genee—genac—genac!
Hoo-rah! Hoo-rah!
ABBEY!

ALMA MATER

Hail! to thee old Abbey dear,
Alma Mater we devotedly revere,
Respect and pledge
Our vows, our honor, and career,
To dower you with
Sons of whom you may be proud!
So shout her name in story
To the world in praises loud;
That will proclaim her glory
Hail! Classmen, all hair to Abbey's name!

ON ABBEY MEN

On, On, Abbey men!
On to victory once again!
Abbey never fears nor doubts—
Abbey knows no tears. She shouts: Rah!
On, on Abbey men!
On to victory once again!
Through our hills and dales today,
Through our hallowed walls of gray,
Hopes are high and hearts are gay—
On Abbey men! Rah!

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THE YEAR

RAMBLERS

THE SUMMER OF '36

APPOINTMENTS—

The Rev. Cuthbert Allen, O.S.B., was appointed to succeed the Rev. Benedict Rettger, O.S.B., as Rector and Vice President of Belmont Abbey College. Father Benedict was transferred to the Benedictine Military School of Savannah.

The Rev. Joseph Tobin, O.S.B., after teaching for twelve years in the Benedictine Military School of Savannah, was transferred to Belmont Abbey to serve as Dean of Men and professor of Physics.

The Rev. Eugene Egan, O.S.B., was appointed Head of the Department of Religion, Chaplain of Belmont Abbey College, and manager of college publications.

Ven. Frs. Daniel Baran, O.S.B., and Clement Harte, O.S.B., were named assistants to the Dean. Fr. Daniel was also given the task of directing the athletics of the preparatory department and assisting the Director of Athletics, Howard Wheeler.

Reyman "Buddy" Bonar (Notre Dame '35) was appointed backfield coach of the football team.

RENOVATIONS—

The summer of '36 marked the beginning of an ambitious program in the improvement of the College.

The Physics Lab., which in former years shared a home with the Museum, was given its own home. The Museum was moved to the third floor, and, through the fine work of Fr. Clement, many important improvements were made.

The Chemistry Lab. was renovated in such a way as to make it one of the finest and best equipped in the Junior College Circuit. The work of Professor E. D. Cahill, Father Michael and Brother Philip must be specially commended. Then too, one must not overlook the interest, inspiration, and co-operation of the Rt. Rev. President.

A Day Student Study Hall was constructed in the rooms formerly occupied by the College Store and the Barber Shop. The result of the project is a beautiful study, equipped with modern "daylights", and every personal convenience and stimulus to study.

The College Store was moved to the old Gym Building, taking the room once used as a lecture hall for the now defunct college biology course.

The College Buildings, probably reflecting on the saying that the whole is as great as all its parts, started voicing complaints to the new administration that they were being neglected. Accordingly Brother Philip and Fr. Timothy spent many days installing a new electrical system throughout the buildings.

The Treasurer's Office was transferred to the first floor of the Administration Building.

A new Guest Room was made from one of the classrooms on the first floor. This work was done under the direction of Br. Alexander King, Obl., O.S.B.

The Library enjoyed the most complete and elaborate changes. A partition wall was opened next to the library proper, and the room adjoining made into a splendid reading-room. New equipment, tables, chairs, stacks, librarian's desk, lights and other articles were added. Fr. Gabriel Stupasky was appointed Director of the Library. Many books were donated by the Old Boys, and the Rt. Rev. Abbot, particularly interested in the library, authorized the purchase of many more. Today Belmont Abbey Junior College, has the finest working library that can be found in a Junior College in this section. However, the work of adding to it still goes on.

FOOTBALL—

Following the practice of the larger colleges and universities, football practice, under the direction of Coaches Bonar and Daniel, commenced before the opening of the scholastic year. The boys, some old and some new, returned to college on September 3, and began a series of sessions that called for two workouts every day.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

ABBEY COLLEGE MEMBER OF THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION—

The work of many years, many priests and clerics was realized when Belmont Abbey was admitted as a Junior College to the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The school was admitted at the Conference of the Association held in Richmond, Va., December 1-5. The Rt. Rev. Abbot, the Rev. Rector, and Rev. Raphael Arthur, Director of Vocational Guidance at the Abbey,

attended the conference. The Abbey preparatory department has been a member of the association for many years.

PIEDMONT REUNION—

The famous Piedmont Resolution made in '26 for a reunion in '36 was fulfilled in November. The visitors hailed from Savannah, Richmond, Newport News, Norfolk, Charlotte, Gastonia, Greensboro, Atlanta, Braddock, Pa., and nearby towns.

GUEST LECTURERS—

One of the most interesting contributions to scholastic life during the current year was the introduction of a program of lectures and seminars, conducted by men of wide experience in their respective fields. Among our guest speakers were Dr. W. H. Breeland, Belmont; Dr. Leon Basier, Catholic University; and Monsignor Peter Guilday, professor of Church History at the Catholic University; Mr. Roy Palmer, Lighting Engineer, Duke Power Co.

PREP ORGANIZATION—

It was determined to devise a system to direct the activities of the Prep department of the school. The Ramblers club was designated for this work, and undertook the direction of all the social and athletic activities of the Prepsters. This work was successful, and will be amplified next year.

FACULTY RECOGNITION—

The Rt. Rev. President, Abbot Vincent Taylor, O.S.B., D.D., was elected to the Executive Committee of the American Historical Association; The Rev. Rector, Father Cuthbert Allen, O.S.B., A. M., was elected to membership on the Committee for College Studies and Research of the National Catholic Educational Association.

THE IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER—

3—Football practice.
9—Registration of College Freshmen, new entrants.
10—Orientation, Entrance and Conditional examinations.

11—Upperclassmen return.
13—"Rush Week" for Piedmont Club begins.
21—Doctor Basier lectures.
25—Abbey loses to N. C. State Frosh, 25-6.
26—Ramblers' initiation.

OCTOBER—

9—Doctor Breeland's lecture.
10—Abbey wins first conference game, defeating Lees-McRae, 18-7.
16—Sacred Heart College Freshman party. Abbey Collegians attend.
17—Abbey defeats Appalachian State Frosh, 13-7. Ramblers publish football
20—Organization of the Abbey Press Bureau.
21—Student assembly.
24—Abbey defeats Mars Hill, 14-13. Woody Wilson's trusty toe brings victory, aided by the plunging of Hamm. Many students accompanied the team program for the first time.
to Mars Hill.
26—Abbey band and glee club organized.
31—Abbey defeats Brevard College.

NOVEMBER—

1—All Saints' day. Holiday.
6—Physics lab. established in new quarters.
7—Abbey defeats Wingate, 18-6. Students of Abbey and of the Sacred Heart College journey to Wingate a la Motorcade.
9—Final inspection before application for entrance to membership in Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.
14—Crusaders defeat Presbyterian Jr. College. Running of substitute Carden feature of the game.
16—Student assembly.
21—Abbey defeats Campbell College at Charlotte, 14-0, and wins Junior College Conference crown.
25—Beginning of Piedmont reunion. Registration of guests, renewals of old friendships.
26—Second day of reunion. Ramblers defeat O'Donoghue School in morning football game, 20-6. Piedmont Club lost to champion football club at celebration in College Dining Hall.
27—Dance day. Tea dance in the afternoon. Ball in the evening. Music by Hob Williams' orchestra.

28—Final day of reunion. Requiem mass in College Chapel for departed alumni.

29—Students' Retreat begins. Father Arnold Walters, O.S.F., Retreat Master.

DECEMBER—

1—Final Day of Retreat.

3—Belmont Abbey Junior College admitted to Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Rt. Rev. Abbot, Rev. Rector, Father Raphael attend association meetings in Richmond.

8—Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Holiday. Fratres Patrick, Rembert, Gilbert, and Vincent ordained deacons in the Abbey Cathedral.

14—Abbey plays first basketball game of season. Defeats Groves Mill.

15—Crusaders defeat Cramerton Independents.

21—Piedmont Club's Christmas party.

22—Christmas holidays begin.

JANUARY—

5—Christmas Vacation ends, classes resumed.

9—Crusaders defeat Larkwood, 36-31.

15—Crusaders lose close on to Davidson "B" team, 41-39.

16—Abbey Crusaders smother Presbyterian Jr. College, 51-23.

21—Wingate trips Abbey, 25-19.

22—Semester Exams.

23—Crusaders trip Oak Ridge, 42-39.

28—Allied Vans take Abbey's measure, 43-35.

30—Gosh! Wasn't it close! Abbey 36, Campbell College 35.

FEBRUARY—

1—Abbey licks Wingate in return tilt, 43-32. Beginning of second semester. Student assembly.

5—Oak Ridge swamps Abbey, 48-22.

6—Campbell romps on Abbey, 20-17.

8—Abbey defeats Presbyterian Jr. College, 40-30.

12—Abbey's Wheelermen trounce Parris Island Marines, 40-28.

13—Abbey wins from Armstrong College, Savannah, 38-34.

16—Abbey beats Lees-McRae, 48-35.

22—Washington's birthday. Holiday. Duke trounces Abbey, 51-29.

24—Crusaders eke out a victory from Davidson "B" team, 41-39.

MARCH—

1—Election of class officers in Fourth Prep. Junior College Basketball Tournament begins at Davidson. On opening day Abbey defeats Presbyterian College in the afternoon, 46-30; defeats Lees-McRae in the evening, 48-29, and moves into the finals.
2—Abbey loses finals to Oak Ridge, 42-37. Hudacek named on All-State team.
4—Preparing for Junior Prom in April
11—Gaston County High School Basketball Tournament starts in Abbey Gym Tournament sponsored by Monogram Club.
13—Finals of tournament. Cramerton licks Dallas, 23-16, to annex championship. Trophies presented.
17—St. Patrick's Day. Holiday.
19—St. Joseph's Day.
22—Doctor Guilday's lecture and seminar.
24—Easter holidays begin at noon.

APRIL—

1—Easter vacation ends. Classes resumed.
6—Solemnity of St. Benedict. Holiday.
9—Senior and Junior Prom.
13—Mr. Palmer's Lecture, "The Science of Lighting."
23—Ramblers' Party.

MAY—

6—Ascension day. Holiday.
28—Students' sports carnival.

JUNE—

1—Final exams start.
8—Commencement Ball.
10—Commencement Day.

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U. S. Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	13,000,487.31
Federal Land Bank, and listed bonds	1,439,959.70
State of North Carolina and State of South Carolina Bonds	4,318,154.71
Municipal bonds and notes	3,013,617.83
Loans eligible for rediscount by Federal Reserve Bank	5,516,296.07
Loans secured by listed stocks and bonds	3,685,237.94
Accrued Interest on bonds	171,012.40
	$53,176,262.41
Other high grade, well secured loans	6,071,455.92
Cash surrender value life insurance policies carried on the officers of the bank	39,302.50
Stock Federal Reserve Bank, Richmond, Va., and other stocks and bonds	158,690.50
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	1,263,150.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	331,983.62
Property adjoining present banking quarters purchased for expansion	143,901.33
	475,884.95
Reserve for Depreciation	112,742.58
	$ 363,142.37
Other Real Estate (the recent appraised value of which is $198,868.00 and the assessed value of which is $180,499.36)	90.00
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Surplus	$ 1,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	741,559.86
Reserved for Unearned Interest	77,429.99
Reserve for Premium on bonds, taxes and contingencies	814,786.62
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